



This E-Newsletter is a weekly summary of the events taking place in the United States Congress that affect the State of Michigan and primarily Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

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H.R. 5576, Fiscal Year 2007 Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

This spending bill provides an estimated \$139.2 billion in budgetary resources for funding various programs under the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development. It also provides funding for the Judicial Branch of Government, the District of Columbia, the Executive Office of the President, and a number of independent agencies. The measure authorizes \$64.7 billion in budgetary resources for the Department of Transportation, which includes \$15.2 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a \$39.1 billion obligation limit for federal-aid highway programs of the Federal Highway Administration, \$8.9 billion in total resources for the Federal Transit Administration, and \$1.1 billion for Amtrak. It funds the Treasury Department at \$11.5 billion, of which \$10.5 billion is dedicated to the Internal Revenue Service. The Department of Housing and Urban Development would receive \$35.3 billion for Fiscal year 2007. Housing activities funded under the bill include \$4.2 billion for the Community Development Fund, used to support the Community Development Block Grant Program. Of the total provided under the Community Development Fund, \$3.9 billion will be used for formula grants, \$250 million for Economic Development Initiative projects, and \$20 million for the neighborhood initiative program. The measure requires recipients of EDI and neighborhood initiative grants to provide a 40% match of funding. The bill also provides funding for Section 8 vouchers, the HOPE VI program for revitalizing distressed areas, and housing for the disabled, elderly, and people with AIDS. The bill includes project funding for several activities in Detroit including bus replacements for the Detroit Department of Transportation, Detroit City Airport, the Detroit East Riverfront Development project, Samaritan Center, Wyandotte Street reconstruction, integrated transportation planning for the City of Detroit, and a multi-modal facility at the Ambassador Bridge. I supported this measure, which passed the House by a vote of 406 to 22.

H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto

This bill gives the President the authority to recommend to Congress the cancellation of line item appropriations, direct spending, and targeted tax benefits. The measure establishes expedited procedures for Congress to consider to those Presidential pro



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Helpful Resources

[Kilpatrick's Annual Report to Michigan's 13th Congressional District](#)

Printable newsletter for 2006

[Directory of Homeownership Assistance in the Detroit Area](#)

Printable booklet of homeownership resources.

[Medicare's New Prescription Drug Plans](#)

Printable handout with important facts to help you understand the program.

[Energy Saving](#)

Brief compilation of tips and tricks to help your energy efficiency in both your home and on the road.

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fits. The measure establishes expedited procedures for Congress to consider to these Presidential proposals, without amending them. The bill does not give the President the power to veto specific items in a bill. Instead, it authorizes him to propose to Congress that certain items be cancelled. This cancellation would only occur if Congress enacted a measure to approve the cancellation. The fundamental power of Congress lies in its power over the purse. No Congress has changed a President's budget request by more than 3%. This bill grants more power to the executive branch at the expense of the legislative branch, and it will give the President more power to influence the writing of legislation. I voted against this measure, which passed by a vote of 247 to 172.

H.R. 5631, Fiscal Year 2007 Defense Appropriation Bill

This bill provides \$427.6 billion in discretionary spending, \$4 billion less than the President's request but \$19.1 billion more than FY06 levels. It includes \$50 billion in bridge monies to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The measure funds end strength at a level that requires a reduction of 35,200 for active forces and 5,700 end strength for the selected reserve in FY07. Reductions in active force end strength will hit Navy and Air Force services. Reductions in selected reserves fall most heavily on Army and Navy reserve forces. National Guard end strength is increased by 17,100, raising total end strength to 350,000 soldiers. The bill also includes a 2.2% pay increase for military personnel. The bill included funding for a number of projects located in Detroit, including Henry Ford Health Systems, NextEnergy, Focus Hope, and Arvin-Meritor. I supported this measure, which passed by a vote of 407 to 19.

To read more about these measures, or any other legislation, please visit the Library of Congress' legislative information site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>.

In the District

Congresswoman Kilpatrick Celebrates Merger and NeighborWorks® America Charter with Southwest Solutions

Congresswoman Kilpatrick attended an event celebrating Southwest Solutions' recent merger with Detroit Neighborhood Housing Services and its designation as a NeighborWorks® America affiliate. The

two actions preserve the benefits of a revolving loan fund and provide Southwest Solutions with access to national funding, homeownership



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the nation's largest body of certified of homeowner-ship educators. "I would like to congratulate Southwest Solutions on its accomplishments. This affiliation with NeighborWorks® America will ensure that families have access to affordable housing," said Congresswoman Kilpatrick. "I look forward to continuing to assist NeighborWorks® America with its efforts to secure federal funding to support the work you are doing in our community. Together, we can help give more families an opportunity to achieve the American dream of home ownership."



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